

## SENATE BILL No. 42

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-19-6-4; IC 9-21-7-2.

**Synopsis:** Working vehicle tail lamps. Indicates that motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers (excluding truck-tractors, truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combinations equipped with a B-train assembly, vehicles manufactured before 1956, motorcycles, and other motor-driven cycles) must have two working tail lamps to be operated on a highway.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

**Arnold**

January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

C  
o  
p  
y



First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## SENATE BILL No. 42

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 9-19-6-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as otherwise provided  
3 in this section:

4           (1) a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer; and

5           (2) any other vehicle that is drawn at the end of a train of  
6 vehicles;

7 must be equipped with at least one (1) tail lamp mounted on the rear  
8 that when lighted as required in this chapter, emits a red light plainly  
9 visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the rear.

10       (b) Only the tail lamp on the rear-most vehicle of a train of vehicles  
11 is required to be seen from the distance specified.

12       (c) **Excluding a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer**  
13 **combination equipped with a B-train assembly (as defined in**  
14 **IC 9-13-2-13) governed by section 7 of this chapter, truck-tractor,**  
15 **motorcycle, or motor-driven cycle:**

16           (1) a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, **and** pole trailer; and

17           (2) any other vehicle drawn at the end of a train of vehicles;



C  
o  
p  
y

1 ~~excluding a truck-tractor,~~

2 that is

3 ~~(1)~~ registered in Indiana and

4 ~~(2)~~ manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1956, must be  
5 equipped with at least two (2) tail lamps mounted on the rear that,  
6 when lighted, complies with this section.

7 . (d) A tail lamp upon a vehicle shall be located at a height of not less  
8 than twenty (20) inches and not more than seventy-two (72) inches.

9 (e) Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp must be placed and  
10 constructed so as to illuminate the rear registration plate with a white  
11 light and make the plate clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet  
12 to the rear. A tail lamp or tail lamps, together with a separate lamp for  
13 illuminating the rear registration plate, must be wired so as to be  
14 lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

15 SECTION 2. IC 9-21-7-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in  
17 subsection (b) and section 8 of this chapter, each vehicle upon an  
18 Indiana highway:

19 (1) between the time from sunset to sunrise; and

20 (2) at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable  
21 atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are  
22 not clearly discernible at a distance of five hundred (500) feet  
23 ahead;

24 must display lighted head lamps and other illuminating devices as  
25 required for different classes of vehicles under this chapter.

26 (b) All lamp equipment required for vehicles described in IC 9-19-6,  
27 **including each tail lamp required by law**, shall be lighted at the times  
28 mentioned in subsection (a), except that clearance and sidemarker  
29 lamps are not required to be lighted on a vehicle when the vehicle is  
30 operated within a municipality if there is sufficient light to render  
31 clearly discernible persons and vehicles on the highway at a distance  
32 of five hundred (500) feet.

C  
o  
p  
y

